Fall Semester Brings Physical Plant and Academic Upgrades

3+2 Engineering Dual-Degree Program
Dear Alumni and Friends of King’s College,

One of the more pleasant duties of being President is welcoming prospective students and their families to King’s College at our Open House events. The purpose of these events is to provide information, experiences, and support to help these students and families make an informed decision on one of life’s most important choices: Which college or university to attend? This decision will require a commitment of at least four years of the student’s time and effort and no small financial investment. A college education can be, and should be, a life changing event that transforms the whole person: intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. College provides the platform that launches a student onto the next stage of their life; good careers, good citizenship, and a good life rest upon a solid educational formation.

So if you study at King’s College, what will we make of you? I tell these prospective students that I have the privilege of meeting many King’s alumni. They are living testimony of what King’s College can make of you. So many King’s College graduates are professionally successful, informed and engaged citizens, generous neighbors, loving family members and devoted children of God. This is what King’s College can help make of students.

You will be receiving this edition of Pride magazine around the time in which you may, or may not, be working on New Year’s resolutions. Resolutions vary but very often center around making a positive difference to both yourself and the world. Education makes a huge difference in the lives of people and the future of our world. Please continue your support of King’s College. Your support changes lives and helps build a better future.

May God bless you and your family and may God continue to bless King’s College.

Sincerely,
Rev. Jack Ryan, C.S.C.
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As a result of a gift to King’s from the parents of the late George Maffei II ’79, the theatre has been named in his honor and an endowment has been established in his name to provide a student scholarship, the first scholarship specifically designated for a theatre student in the College’s history.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a “student interested in participating in theatre productions.” The first recipient of the scholarship will be named prior to the spring semester.

Maffei graduated from King’s with a bachelor’s degree in English. He was very active in the theatre his junior and senior years at King’s, participating in six productions between September 1977 and April 1979. He acted in plays by Aristophanes, Anton Chekov, Shakespeare, and William Inge. He also portrayed the huntsman in a Children’s Theatre Production of Cinderella sponsored by the Women’s Junior League.

His largest role was in the spring 1979 production of Georges Feydeau’s farce A Flea in Her Ear. According to published reviews, “George Maffei is brilliant as Camille Chandebise, a gentleman with a speech impediment. Young Maffei brilliantly carries off his part under the coaching and direction of J. Gerald Godwin. He does it with class and provided many of the night’s laughs.”

He went on to earn his law degree from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles and participated in community theatre while in California from 1980 through 1984. He also directed a law clinic for Actors Guild members at Southwestern and was a volunteer for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.


George’s father, Carmen, is a 1956 graduate of King’s and a retired attorney. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in West Pittston.

“As a student, George was happiest when he was participating in a theatre production,” his parents said. “The passion, joy and satisfaction that he derived was obvious. Both of us feel, and at times George agreed, that he was sorry he had not pursued theatre as his vocation. We are extremely happy and proud that other students will have the opportunity to experience the same passion and joy from the theatre that George cherished.”

“The King’s Theatre Department is eternally grateful to Attorney and Mrs. Maffei for their gift and scholarship opportunity,” said Sheileen Corbett ’83, chair of the department. “We are honored to now call the George P. Maffei, II Theatre our home. Over the past five years, the theatre has undergone many changes related to renovations and advancements in technology. A previous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Maffei in George’s memory helped us to purchase a state-of-the-art computerized soundboard. With this current gift, we are able to directly influence the educational experience of our students. It is our hope this scholarship will nurture the students’ love of the theatrical experience in the same way George’s love of the arts grew during his time as a student of the theatre program here at King’s College.”

The director in the majority of Maffei’s performances was J. Gerald Godwin, Corbett’s father.

“Since its first production in 1950, the theatre program has been a staple of King’s College,” said Father John Ryan, C.S.C., College president. “The theatre attracts students from a wide range of academic majors and their experiences have proven to be a treasured part of their liberal arts education at King’s. George Maffei II is a true example of how the theatre program at King’s enhances students’ experiences and remains a fond memory long after graduation. We are indeed grateful to Carmen and Sandra Maffei for their generous gift, which will memorialize their son’s love of his theatre experience at King’s and help support the continuation of the program for the benefit of current and future students.”

George Maffei’s King’s senior portrait and Maffei (far left) in Taming of the Shrew
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n the fall of 1948, during the College’s third academic year, an organization was formed that still serves the King’s Community.

“Believing that it would be beneficial to all if a club were organized for the wives and mothers of King’s students, Father Lloyd Teske, C.S.C., arranged a meeting for interested women on November 10th,” according to the book Rooted in Hope, authored by Father Donald J. Grimes, C.S.C., on the occasion of the College’s 50th anniversary. “From that gathering emerged “The Reginas.” A month later, a constitution was adopted, with a preamble identifying its purposes:

In adopting the following constitution, (The Reginas) are united in their own common social, intellectual, and religious interests for the glory of God, to promote the welfare of King’s College, and to foster the good will of the citizens of Wyoming Valley towards King’s College, under the guidance and patronage of Mary, Queen of Mothers.

A small but dedicated group of women continue that mission today. As The Reginas approach their 65th anniversary in 2013, their contributions to the College, some of which are more prominent than others, are many.

In the same way that the Blessed Virgin Mary provided support to Christ the King, the patron saint of King’s College, The Reginas began to provide support to the College in its infancy.

Given that the first several King’s classes contained a high number of older students who served during World War II, wives as well as mothers made up the first group of Reginas. As the number of war veterans decreased, the group was composed of mothers of the male students.

The group was strengthened by the fact that many members stayed involved even past their son’s graduation from King’s. Of the approximately 30 current members, only about five have children still attending King’s.

The group meets one evening a month during the academic year. Prior to the first meeting in September, the group mails postcards to all mothers of incoming students living in the Wyoming Valley area. While the group is experiencing the same inability to get new members as most community organizations in the country, a loyal group of holdovers remain.

Marie Idah Margalis, whose daughter, Wilhelmenia, graduated in 1978, still remains a member and looks forward to the monthly meetings. “Because of economic conditions, many more wives work today so I can understand why we may have trouble getting new members. I so enjoyed the women I met in the club that I never thought of leaving when my daughter graduated.” Margalis served a term as president of The Reginas in the 1980s.

“The highest number of members I can remember was about 50-60. More members allowed us to have other activities like card parties, teas, fashion shows, and bus trips that helped up raise more money for the College.”

Over the years, the funds raised by The Reginas have been used by the College for a myriad of purposes. Regina Court
Meet the Class of 2016  by Christopher Gatpo ’13

Every year, King’s welcomes approximately 500 new members to the student body. Who are these students? What attracted them to King’s? What makes each member of a class unique? Following are thumbnail profiles of six members of the Class of 2016.

Angela Coco

On choosing her environmental science major, Coco drew a link to her childhood. As a young child, she would be interested in field guides while others were consumed with Harry Potter. While growing up, she remembered that she “wanted to be in the mud, find bugs, and do experiments.” Some influence also came from having a stream in her backyard, which fed her interest in the outdoors. Coco chose King’s especially because “it had its own environmental program and department. It was its own entity.”

As a Catholic, Coco was incredibly happy to be a part of a community that shared her faith. Coco is involved in many extracurricular activities, including being a member of the Columbiettes, The King’s Players, Environmental Club, Active Minds, and Alumni Association. Coco works as a photographer for The Crown student newspaper and as a student aide in both the Admissions Office and Dining Services.

Coco would like to attend graduate school and pursue a degree that involves aquatics and entomology. She knows she wants to work with water because “it affects everything she loves.”

Deirdre Cooney

A small campus and small classes were essential aspects that helped the biology major choose King’s from among her nine choices. The Long Island, N.Y., native enjoyed the overall atmosphere at King’s along with a strong science program.

“I was able to get a head start in meeting people because I am part of the cross country team,” said Cooney. “They’re like a second family.” The cross country team started practice in mid-August, so it was not hard for her to meet new friends. Aside from running, she is also a member of the Columbiettes and a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. She will also join the track and field team in the spring semester.

Cooney’s background in horseback riding, she has been riding since she was five years-old, led her to choose her major. She wants to become a veterinarian, specifically with equestrian animals.

After King’s, Cooney’s main goal is to be accepted into her dream graduate school, the University of Pennsylvania. She knows that it will be extremely competitive, but she is fully committed.

Jarred Stagen

Stagen enjoyed all of his history classes in high school, and was heavily involved in the theatre program. “I took every acting class and started acting in school productions my junior year,” said Stagen.

The history major felt especially welcomed when he visited King’s College. Out of all the other campuses which he applied to, King’s had the “nicest community and was down to earth.” Stagen of Lord’s Valley added that his tour guide personally sent him a letter encouraging him to join the King’s Community.

Stagen admits entering college life was an adjustment from high school. “It was tough getting into the groove of things,” Stagen said. “I had to make myself wake up for classes.” Aside from academics, he has been actively working at college theatre productions. After joining The King’s Players, he decided to add a minor in theatre.

Stagen plans on keeping his options open after college. He may want to receive a doctorate in law. He also wants to keep theatre as a part of his career.
Brianna Prince

This political science major comes from a private Catholic high school that was affiliated with King’s College. The aspiring lawyer carries an enthusiastic attitude towards her education.

With the help of her high school, she has been working in a law office in her hometown of Watertown, Conn. Prince developed an interest in politics from the job experience which led her to choose a specialty in malpractice. She will be adding a major in international business because she enjoys speaking in different dialects and has a passion for travel. “I want to attend a law school abroad,” Prince said. “Hopefully, somewhere in England.”

Aside from her interest in law, Prince was involved in her high school’s theatre program and student government. She admits that she enjoyed singing in the school musicals and was also the president of her class. Currently, she is a representative for student government and a member of the Pre-Law Society. Prince plans on joining the college’s track and field team in the spring semester and applying for a residents assistant position for the next academic year.

Jessica Wong

The valedictorian for her graduating class at Pocono Mountain East High School, Wong secured a Presidential Scholarship. She visited the campus a few times before she decided to enroll at King’s.

Recently, Wong changed her major from English literature to accounting because she intends to follow a career path in both law and business, specifically in tax and finance. “I’ll be taking a lot of exams in the future, but I’ll let future Jess worry about that,” Wong said. She hopes to attend graduate school after King’s and open a law firm with her sister.

Becoming a part of the King’s community was one of the best decisions for the Henryville resident. “I like that it is a family. It is close-knit, and everyone seems to know everyone,” said Wong. She also knew a couple students from her high school that went to King’s. Wong admits she had a too-good-to-be-true attitude because all she heard from those people were positive comments. After only a few months in to her first year, she agreed that King’s is the real deal.

Wong is currently involved in Pre-Law Society, History Society, Socratic Society, and the Honors Program. She is also writing for The Crown student newspaper.

Keith Wanamaker

Initially, the Washington, N.J., resident was invited to join the college’s wrestling team. Then, he was offered a Presidential scholarship and was drawn to the business program that is offered through the McGowan School of Business. “The scholarship practically sealed the deal for me,” Wanamaker said.

Adjusting to college life was also not a difficult task for this business management and finance double major. “I keep myself busy,” he explained. Wanamaker’s advanced placement courses in high school assisted his academic transition to college. His first-year experience course reminded him to manage his time wisely.

Wanamaker would like to be recognized in both athletics and academics. His goals are to become a nationally-ranked wrestler and a consistent Dean’s List student. Along with wrestling, Wanamaker was a member of the Journalism Club, concert band, and jazz band in high school and worked on community service projects involving animal shelters, tutoring, and coaching.

Wanamaker hopes to reach graduate school and receive his master’s degree in business. “I’m interested in banking or investment,” Wanamaker said. His goal is to open his own business that would help train and mentor athletes.
King’s Partners with Vendors to Help Local High School Students

The Information and Instructional Technology Services (IITS) Department of King’s, in conjunction with three of the college’s vendors, recently donated almost $10,000 in computer equipment to the Computer Maintenance Technology Program at the West Side Career and Technology Center (WSCTC).

The donated equipment includes approximately 15 Dell desktop computers, network printer, projector, interactive white board, videoconferencing system, and personal data assistants (PDAs). The value of the equipment is almost twice the annual budget for the computer maintenance technology program and the donated desktop computers will almost double the number currently available to the 38 students in the program.

The need for the equipment became apparent after Paul Moran, executive director of IITS, and Raymond Pryor, managing director of user services, volunteered to serve on the Occupational Advisory Committee at WSCTC. The purpose of the advisory board is to offer insight and guide the program about the current trends in business, industry and higher education. The duo quickly realized that the computers in the lab were approximately five-eight years old and did not meet the industry standards of operating systems.

In addition to donating equipment, the King’s IITS members solicited the assistance of vendors the College uses for its computer and educational technology equipment. Equipment was donated by Dell, PolyVision, and B2B Computer Products.

“It is extremely important that our students in the Computer Maintenance Technology Program are being trained on the latest equipment,” said Nancy Tkatch, WSCTC administrative director. “This very generous donation by King’s, Dell, PolyVision, and B2B Computer Products will greatly improve the preparedness of these students in the information technology field. Gaining experience with the equipment may also help these students with critical decisions they will have to make about either furthering their education or entering a career.”

Gary Miller, WSCTC computer maintenance teacher, told the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader that the donation was greatly appreciated. Miller said his budget for the 2012-2013 school year was only $4,000, which had to supply books, materials and equipment.

“Without King’s College’s help, we would not have all of this,” he said.

Now students can learn about network security, audio visual, web design, and trouble shooting computers on system networks or personal computers.

“Our partnership with King’s College has allowed us to fill our classroom with the latest technology that lets our students prepare for careers in the IT field,” Miller said.

“The students will no longer be held back by the equipment,” Pryor said.

Students are pleased with the new equipment. Senior Ian Nelson said the new equipment has capabilities the old computers did not. “We can scan documents with the new printer, and the PolyVision board is more interactive,” Nelson said.

Senior Justin Romanoski said he likes being able to explore new concepts to “develop a firm base in computer science.”

Senior Alton Baggett, helped install the overhead projector over the summer. He is looking forward to pursuing a degree in network and security systems at King’s.

To continue to build a strong foundation for the students, both Pryor and Moran are planning to create a mentoring program between WSCTC and King’s College.

“Creating opportunities for local high school students benefits everyone,” Moran said. “We are also grateful to our vendor partners for their continued support of King’s mission to benefit students from working-class families.”

The West Side Career and Technology Center provides programs for students from the Dallas, Lake Lehman, Northwest, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West school districts.
John Loyack '85 Returns “Home” to King’s

What initially drew John Loyack to King’s as a student was the enthusiasm displayed by faculty members when he had the chance to attend classes during an Admissions event in the early 1980s. A product of the storied accounting department at King’s, he went on to earn his CPA and MBA and hold various upper management positions at a variety of companies throughout the United States, the last of which was as president and chief executive officer for a start-up energy production company in Irving, Texas.

Throughout his more than 25-year business career, Loyack, a Pittston native, always maintained a homestead in Northeast Pennsylvania and he joined the College’s President’s Council five years ago. He met with both Father O’Hara and Father Ryan during recent Texas visits by the former and current King’s president, respectively.

Now, John, his wife Suzanne (Kmiec) ’86, and three children have returned “home”. John was appointed vice president for business affairs and treasurer and began his duties in October.

He will be responsible for managing and improving the College’s financial process systems; overseeing the business, human resources, facilities, security and information technology offices; and, coordinating the planning and implementation of all campus construction, renovation and repair projects.

“I see this as a great opportunity to take my skills and use them to help King’s and to give back to the place where I started,” said Loyack.

After graduating from King’s, Loyack gained valuable experience with accounting positions at several Pennsylvania firms, first with the Philadelphia office of Pricewaterhouse Coopers, then with Lutron Electronics in Allentown and the Bethlehem office of Union Pacific Corporation.

His Union Pacific position took him to the Midwest. He then vice president positions with energy companies based in the Southwest. He returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2005 as president and chief executive officer of CPG International, a buildings materials manufacturer in Scranton before taking his position with Optim Energy, a company funded by a private equity firm founded by Bill Gates.

NEPA King’s Alumni Club

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR NEPA ALUMNI CLUB

Executive Committee member activities will include:
• Attending and actively participating in club meetings.
• Attending club events.
• Participating in event planning processes.

Social Committee member activities will include:
• Attending club events
• Encouraging event attendance by making calls or sending emails to fellow alumni.
• Promoting King’s events and news via social media.

See the full member descriptions at www.kingsalumni.info

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Given the current economic climate and a demographic trend of fewer high school graduates, the competition for new students has probably never been fiercer on college and university campuses around the country. Students are not only looking for the right academic match, but also for the right combination of campus environment, living options, extracurricular opportunities both on-campus and in the surrounding community, academic and career planning support, dining options, and a myriad of other “intangibles.”

King’s took a giant step forward during the fall semester in the categories of academic opportunities and campus facilities with the announcement of a cooperative bachelor degree program in engineering with its “sister” Holy Cross Congregation institution and the dedication of a new recreation center as part of a remodeled Scandlon Physical Education Center.

Partnering with Notre Dame

King’s and the University of Notre Dame reached an agreement on a dual degree program in engineering in which students will earn a bachelor’s degree in one of three academic disciplines from King’s and a bachelor’s degree in one of six engineering disciplines from the University of Notre Dame after five years of study.

The 3-2 program agreement joins two of the flagship institutions of higher education sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross in an academic affiliation and offers students an opportunity to obtain degrees from both a quality liberal arts institution and from one of the foremost research institutions in the United States.

Students will spend three years at King’s taking mathematics, science, pre-engineering and liberal arts courses, and then transfer to Notre Dame for two years to complete engineering courses in their chosen field. Upon successful completion of the five-year program, students will receive both a Bachelor of Science degree from King’s (in Physics, Chemistry, or Computer Science) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Notre Dame (in Aerospace, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, or Mechanical Engineering). Since some of the courses taken at Notre Dame will fulfill King’s degree requirements, students will be conferred their degree from King’s upon successful completion of the program at Notre Dame.

“The program is the first tangible result of a challenge I presented to both myself and the King’s Community when I became president in July 2011,” said Father John Ryan, C.S.C., at the public announcement of the program. “That challenge was to take what King’s does best, that is our strength in liberal arts teaching, and apply that to programs that would further increase the appeal of King’s College to potential students, their families, and employers. Recent polls from leading employers indicate that engineering positions are some of the hardest to fill and, as a result, students graduating with engineering degrees are in high demand.

“The engineering affiliation also allows King’s College an opportunity to address the shortage of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) graduates from U.S. colleges and universities,” added Father Ryan. By year’s end, the Admissions office had secured three paid deposits for the program. The goal for the class entering in the fall of 2013 is eight students, with a long-range goal of 20 students.
King’s students who achieve a minimum grade-point-average of at least 3.3 (4.0 scale) will be granted admission to the University of Notre Dame. Those students who achieve a grade-point-average of 3.0 to 3.3 will be considered if they have a strong recommendation from the relevant department chair at King’s.

All of the engineering degree programs at the University of Notre Dame are accredited by The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). “To affiliate with a program that is ABET certified continues King’s tradition of developing programs that achieve exclusive accreditations, including the McGowan School of Business’s accreditation by AACSB International, our teacher education program being accredited by NCATE, and our physician assistant program receiving the maximum term accreditation by their accrediting body,” said Father Ryan.

The initiative, which Notre Dame has in place with other colleges, including other Holy Cross Congregation colleges, was first discussed in early 2012. Father Ryan said Notre Dame “bent over backwards to do it.”

The affiliation agreement is the result of work by the Pre-Engineering Committee at King’s. Members of the committee include Nick Holodick, vice president for academic affairs; Joseph Evan, associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty; Teresa Peck, associate vice president for enrollment and academic services; Paul Lamore, associate professor of management and program coordinator; Kristi Concannon, associate professor of physics; Dan Ghezzi, associate professor and chair of the mathematics department; Maria Jump, associate professor of computer science; Brian Mangan, associate professor and director of the environmental science program; and Brian Williams, professor and chair of the chemistry program.

“In a nutshell, what we gain are committed engineering students and a closer tie with another Congregation of Holy Cross institution, along with increased visibility in the eastern Pennsylvania/Mid-Atlantic area. We view all of this as a positive,” said Cathy Pieronek, Notre Dame’s assistant dean for academic affairs.

King’s has altered some of its preparation courses to mirror Notre Dame’s requirements, down to the same textbooks in many cases. And King’s changed what was a physics minor to a new major.

**Expansion/Improvement of Physical Fitness and Event Facilities**

In October, dedication and blessing ceremonies were held to mark the completion of a $10.5 million update and expansion of the Scandlon Physical Education Center. The improved and expanded facilities, the result of a 15-month project, will provide additional recreational and academic space to the College Community and allow for greater
flexibility with regard to student recreation and community event scheduling requests.

The 33,000-square foot expansion, which is attached to the rear of the original Scandlon facility, features a large multi-purpose floor that includes three NCAA-sized basketball courts with the capability of converting each court into tennis or volleyball courts. The space provides increased recreational opportunities and will better serve King's intramural programs. The facility will also enable King's sports teams to better handle indoor practices for teams during the non-traditional practice season.

Teams such as baseball, softball, and lacrosse, for example, typically begin practices for the spring seasons in mid to late January. With basketball practices and games occupying much of the afternoon and evening availability in the gym, several squads had been forced to practice early in the morning or late at night. The new facility will allow teams more gym time as well as flexibility during the non-traditional season.

The addition also includes classroom space and expanded facilities for the College's Athletic Training and Education faculty and students as well as new offices for coaches and athletic department staff. Additional green space has been developed adjacent to the addition.

“The completion of this project directly fulfills one of the higher priority items addressed in the College's 2008-13 strategic plan,” said Father Ryan in addressing the large crowd gathered for the dedication. The crowd included members of the King’s Board of directors, representatives from the varied constituencies of the Campus Community, numerous members of various varsity sports, and students who will use the facility for intramural sports.

The Scandlon Center, which opened in 1968, underwent an overhaul of its own. The building had a central air-conditioning system installed for the first time. Previously, only select areas of the gym were air-conditioned. McGrane Gym, which hosts King's volleyball, basketball, and wrestling matches, now features a brand-new bleacher system.

The original wooden bleachers were removed and new red and gold plastic bleachers were installed. In addition, the center-court section seats have folding backs to provide more comfort and support. While the old bleachers in McGrane seated 3,200, the new seating capacity is set at 2,550.

King's wrestlers also benefitted with a new wrestling room while several new varsity locker rooms were constructed.

King's received $3 million from the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program that was applied to the final cost of the project.
An important quality of a successful professor is the ability to relate with today’s students. Some walk on campus undecided about the future while others have a razor-sharp focus on a specific career. Dr. Daniel Ghezzi, chair of the mathematics department, can relate to both categories. His journey to college professor wasn’t taken with mathematical precision, but as an odyssey rooted in nachos and ugly shoes.

Dan was raised in the anthracite coal towns of Shamokin and Carbondale, the site of the first underground coal mine in the United States. In 1967 his father, Richard, purchased “Valley Bowling Lanes.”

“My father had a personal touch with the customers,” Dan said. “He took the time to get to know everyone. I think that was the key to his making the business a success.”

The family business also provided a fringe benefit: access to free bowling. What began as a casual interest in the game quickly grew into a passion. By the eighth grade, Dan became dedicated to improving his skills.

By the time he reached Saint Rose High School, Dan’s scores hovered near 200, which is par for professionals. (The highest possible score is 300).

Dan started racking up bowling accolades. He was State Champion and Northeastern United States Champion by the time he earned his high school diploma in 1975. But before he could take on professional bowlers, Dan’s hoped-for career temporarily rolled off track.

“My father told me I needed to get a college degree before I could bowl professionally,” Dan said. “He wanted me to have something solid to fall back on.”

Dan had a talent for mathematics since grade school. The question wasn’t if Dan would major in mathematics, it was how long would pursuing his bachelor’s degree keep him from a Pro Bowlers Association card?

Dan took extra credits each trimester to graduate in three years. His only stumbling block was a course that focused on theory and not on application mathematics, where Dan excelled. To pass, Dan spent hours solving extra problems with his professor.

“Real Analysis was the first course that I really struggled with. Today I let my students know that they will struggle, too,” Dan said. “But anything worthwhile is worth the struggle. I encourage the students to focus on giving their best effort.”

In the summer of 1978, Dan graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. By the end of 1978, Dan earned a Professional Bowlers Association membership card.

He spent the next six years travelling by van with fellow bowlers to tournaments across the nation. “I’d compare my bowling career to that of a baseball player who plays well in the minor leagues but doesn’t have the ability to excel in the major leagues,” Dan said. “I

competed well in regional tournaments, but I didn’t have that ‘extra something’ that would allow me to consistently compete with the elite bowlers.”

When Dan retired from professionally bowling, he returned to working full-time at the family business. He married Irene Barnes in the summer of 1986. After his son Brian was born in 1992, Dan began evaluating his future. Dan met with career counselors at Marywood University to discuss his options. He took a test to assess potential careers and one of the top choices was teaching at the college level.

“It made sense. I was always good at math, I’d use it for the business, and I was always helping the children of our customers with their math homework,” he said.

Dan decided to sell his stake in the bowling alley and use the money to support his family while he pursued graduate studies at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton.

While Irene worked as computer program analyst at Commonwealth Telephone, Dan would drop Brian off at daycare, drive 72 miles to Binghamton for class, return to pickup his son, make dinner for his family, and then study long hours most nights.

As part of his studies, Dan observed and presented lectures at King’s College. He became friends with fellow graduate student Dr. Joe Evan who was then an assistant professor in King’s math department. By the time Dan earned his doctorate (Spring 2001), Dan knew there was only one school for him.

“I interviewed at a number of schools, but always told them upfront that if I got an offer from King’s, I was taking it,” Dan said.

Dan has been teaching a variety of courses at King’s since 2001, from introductory statistics for the science majors to probability and statistics for the math majors to financial mathematics for those interested in the actuarial sciences. He is committed to working with students, analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, and helping each student to achieve their full potential.

In addition to his duties as chair of the mathematics department, Dan has served on numerous college committees. Currently, he is chair of Faculty Council. Along with former math chair Dr. Joe Evan, Dan uses statistical methods to predict the winner in presidential elections and the World Series.

Today Dan bowls in a highly competitive league and his current average hovers around 230.

Looking back at his atypical journey to the college classroom, Dan enjoys sharing words of advice with his current students:

“Find out where your talents and passions lie. Follow your passions and always try to do your best,” Dan said. “Keep faith in God. Keep working hard and He will nudge you where He needs you.”
The King’s College fall sports teams enjoyed success on both the team and individual levels with two squads reaching the semi-finals of the MAC Freedom Conference playoffs.

**Field Hockey**

After graduating three of its top players, including one regional All-American and one national All-American, King’s field hockey team was picked third in the annual pre-season poll of conference coaches. The Lady Monarchs, however, surpassed the expectations of many and finished the regular-season with a 6-1 Freedom Conference record, good enough for the top-seed in the conference tournament. Included in its regular-season win total was the Lady Monarchs’ first-ever victory over four-time defending champion Eastern University, along with a 5-0 triumph over 2011 conference finalist FDU-Florham.

In the Freedom Tournament semi-finals, King’s downed fourth-seeded Delaware Valley College 4-1. In the championship game, King’s again faced nemesis Eastern University. The Eagles put forth a tremendous effort and proved too much as the Lady Monarchs suffered a 7-2 loss to see its season come to an end with a 13-7 record.

Five Lady Monarch players were named to the All-Freedom Conference Team, including senior forward Calli Berryman, senior midfielders Megan Mundy and Meghan Wernimont, junior goalie Megan Withrow, and junior defender Nicolette Pizzo. In addition, Lady Monarch head coach Cheryl Ish was named the Freedom Conference Coach of the Year.

Berryman also earned a pair of top post-season awards when she was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association South Atlantic All-Regional Team and was also selected to play in the Senior All-Star Game at William Smith College, Geneva, NY, becoming just third King’s player to be chosen.

**Women’s Soccer**

The King’s women’s soccer team continued it’s rebuilding process under third-year head coach Frank Carrozza. With a number of key players lost to graduation, Carrozza reloaded with a recruiting class consisting of 20 freshmen players. Like the men, the female newcomers made an immediate impact and clearly proved themselves to be the future of the program.

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**Men’s Soccer**

King’s men’s soccer team was picked fifth in the conference pre-season coaches poll, due largely to the loss of a number of veteran players and the addition of 13 freshmen. With head coach Mark Bassett doing one of his finest coaching jobs, the Monarchs used their youthful exuberance to their advantage and put together a fine 10-6-2 season and earned the third-seed in the Freedom Conference Tournament with a 4-2-1 mark.

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Cordingly Leaving Mark at King's as One of Finest Student-Athletes

W hen Ryan Cordingly enrolled at King’s College four years ago, he never expected the rollercoaster ride he would face as a member of the Monarch football team.

A coaching change following his freshman season, a rash of injuries throughout his playing career, and balancing the rigors of a demanding education as a finance major in the renowned William McGowan School of Business.

Despite his many challenges, Ryan Cordingly came away unscathed, highly successful, and ready to move on to the next chapter of his life.

On the football field, Cordingly has clearly been one of King’s best players throughout his career. A four-year starter at linebacker, he was a two-time team captain and was twice named to the Middle Atlantic Conference all-star team.

But it wasn’t all peaches-and-cream on the gridiron. Cordingly suffered a variety of injuries and missed eight games during his career, including four his senior year due to a partially torn knee ligament. The missed time, especially as a senior in his final year, was hard for Cordingly who, as the team leader, felt like a lion locked in a cage.

When he returned to compete in the final five games of the season, Cordingly played like a man possessed, averaging 9.6 tackles per-game. He finished his senior year with 55 total tackles and wrapped up his four-year career with 253 tackles, including 22.5 tackles for loss.

While he excelled on the field, Cordingly was even more impressive off of it. As one of the top student-athlete ever to compete at King’s, he earned numerous academic honors during his Monarch tenure.

Recently, Cordingly became the first football player at King’s to be named twice to the Capital One Academic All-American Team, earning a spot on the second-team two consecutive seasons. The owner of an outstanding 3.96 overall grade-point average, Cordingly was one of just 47 Division III student-athletes to earn a spot on the first and second teams. He was also named the MAC Football Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year.

“I think student-athletes in general have a big commitment to academics,” Cordingly noted. “I am not entirely sure where mine came from; I have just always had an internal motivation. I think a lot of it comes from all the hard work I’ve seen my parents put in through the years. My mother and father have always been a big inspiration to me.”

Nearly as impressive, Cordingly was named a semi-finalist for the National Football Foundation William V. Campbell Award as the top scholar-athlete in college football. There are not separate awards for Division I, II, and III, thus Cordingly was also competing against top student-athletes from major college football programs.

One of the finalists for the Campbell Award was University of Notre Dame star Manti Te’o who was one of three finalists for the Heisman Trophy. Eventually, the Campbell Award was presented to University of Alabama All-American offensive lineman Garrett Jones, a three-time Academic All-American with a 4.0 GPA.

Cordingly was also a two-time Capital One District 4 All-Academic choice and a three-time MAC All-Academic Team selection. He has earned King’s Dean’s List honors every semester and has been named to the college’s Beta Gamma Sigma, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and Aquinas honor societies.

Off the field, Cordingly has also been a leader, serving as vice president of King’s Finance Association. He is also on the college’s Student Athlete Advisory Council’s Executive Committee. He serves as an academic tutor at King’s, and has done volunteer work with CitySERVE, Bowl for Kid’s Sake, and the Take Back the Night City March to help raise awareness about violence towards women.

“I consider the leadership skills I have gained through the years to be the most valuable thing I learned,” Cordingly stated. “King’s football, as well as the academics, have taught me the true value of being a leader. The friendships I have made here are something I am going to appreciate for many years to come.

“We have been told that King’s College prepares us for not only how to make a living, but how to live. I think after these four years I have finally learned the true value of that statement. I’ve changed and developed during my career here thanks to the amazing family that truly is King’s. The education I received was phenomenal and the lessons I have learned are unmistakable. I have no doubt that whatever becomes of my life, it will be just as rewarding as my time at King’s.”
Hand excelled in basketball at King’s and is the only known Monarch to be selected in the NBA Draft (10th round in 1980) when he was picked by the Philadelphia 76’ers. In fact, Hand was eventually inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

Yet, with all of his success on the basketball court, his biggest impact may have come on a baseball field. A Field of Dreams to say the least.

Last May in Northampton Township, located in Lower Bucks County, Hand saw a dream come true with the completed construction and subsequent dedication of the Miracle Field.

The Miracle Field is a uniquely designed baseball field constructed for special needs children. The field contains no grass or dirt, but instead, is made from a composite rubberized material. The materials used for the base paths, pitcher’s circle, and warning track are brown to replicate dirt while the infield and outfield material is green to appear grass-like.

The smooth surface provides easier maneuvering for children in wheelchairs and crutches, or other children with difficulties running without the problems that might arise from uneven, wet, or muddy fields.

The field, along with another multi-use composite field adjacent to the baseball field, was the culmination of a $1 million fund-raising effort. Serving as president of the Miracle League, Hand was instrumental in the procurement of funds needed to construct the fields. While he had help from many individuals and businesses in making the project a reality, Hand came upon the idea purely by chance.

“Six or seven years ago I was on an airplane and was sorting through one of the airport magazines and saw a picture of a girl in a baseball uniform,” Hand recalled. “I caught my eye so I started to read the article and it was a story about the Miracle League. I had never heard of the Miracle League before and for some reason after I read the article, I cut it out of the magazine and put it in my briefcase. Every once in a while I would be shuffling through papers and would come across it in my briefcase. I would see it and just stuff it back in the briefcase – I can’t say why I held onto it.”

A few years later, Hand was reading the local newspaper and saw a story indicating a parcel of land in the area was available to develop and the township called for a town meeting to solicit ideas for what to do with the land. Suddenly, Hand recalled the Miracle League story he had read on the airplane and thought it would be an idea worth bringing up.

Hand never had any involvement with the township but decided to attend the meeting. Once there, he listened to numerous people making suggestions and many of the ideas were to provide more fields for existing programs such as lacrosse and softball.

Finally, near the end of the meeting, Hand had his opportunity to make his pitch. For roughly 10 minutes, Hand talked about the story he had read regarding the Miracle League and how it would benefit special needs children in the area.

“People were bringing up ideas for programs that were already established and they were just looking for more space so they would not have to share the existing fields as field time was often tough to get,” Hand said. “So I get up and start talking about the Miracle League. When I got done nobody says anything and people are just looking back and forth at each other. Then the supervisor of the parks and recreation department said, ‘this is the greatest idea I think I’ve ever heard.’”

What followed stunned Hand as the township supervisor asked him to gather information to figure out how to get the project underway.

“I wasn’t expecting it to happen that fast,” Hand noted. “I thought I was going to drop it in their laps and let the experts handle it, but now I ask myself’ what am I getting myself into?’”

After the meeting, Hand was approached by Bill Gannon who was the head of Northampton Township Baseball which, ironically, had spent several years attempting to build such a field. The two later met for coffee and talked about the field idea.

A month later, Hand attended the next township meeting and the supervisor informed him that they no longer wanted to put the field on the original piece of land discussed as it was situated near a wooded, more secluded area. Instead, they wanted to build the field into the existing Northampton Township Municipal Complex.

The next step was learning about the Miracle League and what steps needed to be taken to embark on such a large undertaking. Hand and Gannon were among a group of local volunteers who joined the Miracle League National Office and eventually formed the Miracle League of Northampton Township.

Joe Hand ’80 Making A Difference With Miracle Field

When Joe Hand was a student-athlete at King’s from 1976 – 1980, he enjoyed a career playing basketball for former Monarch coach Ed Donohue.
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Volleyball

The King’s volleyball team won only three matches in 2011 and the 2012 team featured a young squad with only one returning senior and just two junior players. Even though the squad lost one of its best players in sophomore outside hitter and team co-captain Emily Heimbecker to a season-ending injury during the second week of the season, King’s showed a great deal of improvement, finishing the year with eight victories. Freshman outside hitter Alexa Nelson enjoyed a fine campaign and earned a spot on the All-Freedom Conference squad. With fellow first-year player Mary Loughran ranking as one of the top young setters in the conference, King’s appears to be a program on the rise.

Football

The King’s football finished the year with a 2-8 mark and as five players earned All-MAC honors. Senior linebacker Ryan Cordingly, senior defensive end Ron Garrett, and sophomore tailback Kyle McGrath were second-team choices while senior linebacker Ryan Kelly and junior offensive tackle Kyle Grammp were both honorable mention selections. The Monarchs figure to take a step forward next year with the loss of only six senior starters.

Men’s Cross Country

The King’s men’s cross country team enjoyed a strong season, finishing seventh at the MAC Championships. The Monarchs caught a bad break at the event when top runner Robert Moulton, expected to place in the top-ten, fell ill the day of the race and finished 50th. King’s top finisher was Tim Lambert who placed 31st. At the NCAA Mid-East Regionals, the Monarchs finished 22nd of 49 teams. Moulton placed 61st among a field of 326 runners at the event, just missing a spot on the All-Region Freshman Team.

Women’s Cross Country

The women’s cross country team graduated a host of key seniors from last season’s squad, relegating the young Lady Monarchs to 12th place at the MAC Championships. Junior Jill O’Malley was the top King’s runner, finishing 54th of 151 runners. The Lady Monarchs then finished 46th at the Mid-East Regionals. O’Malley was 253rd in the field of 346 runners.

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TOUGHNESS Defines Career of Katlin Michaels

For King’s College senior standout point-guard Katlin Michaels, playing basketball for the Lady Monarchs has metaphorically been a “labor” of love.

One need only to watch the maximum effort Michaels gives each game to understand her love of the game. But for much of her career, there has been an element of labor, in large part due to the injuries and physical pounding she has endured throughout her time at King’s.

Michaels thrives on contact, whether it be aggressively driving to the basket or stepping in front of an opposing player to take a charge. Her body has made far more trips to the gym floor than most players and, much like a Timex watch, she takes a licking and keeps on ticking.

Michaels suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during the eighth game of her freshman year yet, remarkably, has never altered her style of play. Her body has made far more trips to the gym floor than most players and, much like a Timex watch, she takes a licking and keeps on ticking.

Michaels suffers a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during the eighth game of her freshman year yet, remarkably, has never altered her style of play. She is unquestionably the leader of the Lady Monarch squad as much with her play as with her toughness.

“The competitor in me just decides that I’m going to do whatever it takes to get the ball and make my team successful,” Michaels stated. “Being injured my freshman year made me realize that at any moment it (basketball) could all end, so why not give it a 110-percent while I’m healthy? College ball only lasts for four years.”

It is that desire that has earned her the admiration of her teammates, coaches, and Lady Monarch fans.

“Katlin is without a doubt our team leader,” coach Brian Donohue stated. “She is as tough mentally as she is physically. The effort that she brings to the court, both on game-day and at practice, is always at the highest level. Because of it her teammates want to play with her and for her. She is truly someone who leads by example.”

In 64 career games, Michaels has scored 627 points and has an outside shot of reaching the 1,000-point plateau in just over three years of play. Her 320 rebounds, 236 assists, and 145 steals also reflect her all-around play and unselfishness. A year ago, her overall contribution was evident in her per-game averages of 10.1 points, 5.3 rebounds, 5.1 assists, and 2.7 steals.

Last season Michaels and her teammates made a magical run to the NCAA Division III National Tournament “Sweet 16”, finishing with a 24-6 record. She and her teammates are eyeing a return trip to nationals, but first, taking care of business in a very competitive MAC Freedom Conference is the primary goal.

With King’s picked to finish first in the annual pre-season Freedom Conference Coaches Poll, Michaels understands the Lady Monarchs will have a bull’s-eye on their backs.

“I want the team to be successful again this year,” Michaels noted. “It comes down to every night that we step on the court with a goal to defeat the team at the other end. Our whole team wants to cut down the nets, especially on our home floor. I think that this year I really need to step up even more as a leader, on and off the court. We had great seniors last year but it is our turn to lead.”
The national office provided a plethora of information to move forward with the project, including vendors who had constructed the specially made composite fields. But in order to build, money needed to be raised and a fund-raising plan needed to be implemented.

“Fortunately for us the Miracle League had recently been the subject of a few national stories, including HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, as well as a story on the Today Show,” Hand admitted. “We felt that the name was out there and if we were to do a special needs field, the Miracle League was the group to be with. When they told us they would provide us with the blueprint on how to make it work, that made us excited.”

The Miracle League of Northampton Township put together a budget with the goal of not only constructing a baseball field, but also including a separate multi-purpose field with an astroturf surface for the children to participate in activities such as flag football, soccer, races, and other recreational functions. The recent national publicity about the Miracle League gave the project a high level of credibility.

With the cost of the project standing at approximately $1.5 million for the two-field project, donations came from all over and ranged everywhere from major business corporations to schools and other organizations. One school - Holland Elementary School – sold bracelets, paintings, and conducted bake sales to raise $1,000 for the project. In addition, one family came forward to make an anonymous donation of $150,000 and helped raise an additional $50,000 for the project.

The local community also chipped in as various groups donated time and materials to help defray the cost of the project by $500,000, trimming the needed monetary fundraising to $1 million.

“If we would have had to pay for things such as time, building, and materials, it would have been really difficult,” Hand said. “But because of the generous people we have in our community and the contractors who were part of it, we saved a lot of money. I just cannot express how generous people in the community were.”

After two-and-a-half years of fundraising, a groundbreaking ceremony was held July 28, 2011, with construction to follow. On April 22, 2012, the grand opening of the Miracle Field was held. The field had everything necessary for a baseball game. There was a scoreboard, full field fencing, spectator seating, a sound system, everything any other field would have to provide a full baseball-playing experience.

On the day of the dedication, over 3,000 people were in attendance as the special needs athletes were led onto the field accompanied by a Mummers Band and fire engines in a parade resembling a championship celebration. After the parade, a giant ceremonial first-pitch with all the special needs athletes was held.

“I got so much more out of this project than I ever, ever dreamed of,” Hand admitted. “I was shocked at how many children and families are touched with special needs. I marvel at the families who live it every day. They are the heroes. They keep a smile on their face, they are not angry at anybody, and there is such pure love. The kids just want to play baseball just like their friends. That’s all they wanted and that’s what we tried to give them and are giving them now with this field.”

Hand told the story of a woman he met with a special needs child who often plays catch with an able-bodied child living next door. Far too often when the boys would play catch, the mother of the able-bodied boy would call to him that it was time for him to leave for his Little League game. The mother of the special needs child continued by sharing how heartbroken they were that the boy next door had the opportunity to play baseball while their son did not. Now, they were grateful that the Miracle Field would allow her son to play baseball as well.

The Miracle Field provides opportunity. The opportunity for special needs children to enjoy the same activities as their able-bodied friends, brothers, and sisters do.

The beauty of the Miracle Field of Northampton Township is that it was built into an already existing sports complex. There were already existing parking lots, rest rooms, handicapped accessible areas and handicapped parking.

Perhaps just as important is that the special needs children play on fields along side of their able-bodied counterparts. There is inclusion. They are not hidden in a field behind a bevy of woods. They are essentially paying alongside boys and girls their own age and enjoying the same experience.

“The kids just want the chance to play baseball just like their friends do,” said Hand, who was also aided in the project by his sister and fellow King’s graduate Margaret Cicalese-Hand ’83.

“We have a regular schedule of games and we also make the field available for other special needs groups to use as well, including some senior citizen’s groups. The biggest thing is providing opportunity and inclusion.”

For Hand, what started out as an idea has developed into something far greater than anything he ever imagined and, admittedly, the experience has changed his perspective on life. But while the goal of building a Miracle Field was an arduous one, the motivation was equally as simplistic.

“If we can bring a little joy to their lives and put a smile on their faces, it is well worth it,” said Hand, who along with Margaret, were both presented the King’s College Alumni Award for Service to Society on Reunion Weekend in October.

There are 250 Miracle Fields across the United States. Information of the Miracle League of Northampton Township can be obtained at www.miracleleaguehpa.org or on the Miracle League National Office at www.miracleleague.com.
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Jim Nawrocki

One moment can change the course of a person’s life. For Jim Nawrocki that moment was being "written up" for job performance. At the time, Jim was two years removed from Wyoming Valley West High School and working three jobs to save for a college education. He was washing dishes in a hospital cafeteria when his supervisor reprimanded him for singing on the job.

“I was the only one there, so I was a little taken aback,” Jim said. “But that was the push I needed to get started on my path.”

Jim dropped his apron and quit. He drove to Penn State Wilkes-Barre and took the entrance exam. The youngest of three children, Jim was raised in a working class family in nearby Swoyersville. He decided to major in English with a concentration in writing because it would develop his ability to write, think and analyze.

“I enjoyed writing, storytelling, but I wasn’t interested in a journalism career,” Jim said. “I wanted the well-rounded liberal arts education.”

While he continued to work as a video store clerk and in a department store during the day, Jim would write poems and prose at night. He was also a talented musician; he would play acoustic sets in taverns, coffee shops, and the annual Arts at Hayfield summer festival, which is housed at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

After two years at the satellite campus and two years at State College, Jim graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1990. He continued to perform his acoustic act at local venues before his liberal arts degree landed him a job at a savings and loan bank in Reston, Virginia, a suburb located outside Washington, D.C.

Jim met Sharon Spitale Corner, former director of advancement services at King’s, for dinner while she was in town for a computer conference, and they discussed her job in the Advancement Division.

“My parents were getting older and MaryEllen was back home,” Jim said. “I liked the idea of working for a college and supporting education, so I told Sharon to let me know if she heard about any job openings. I never expected a call four months later.”

Two weeks prior to this phone conversation, the savings and loan bank folded and was purchased by the government. Jim was given the option to re-apply for his position or take a month’s severance check. He used the check to purchase an airplane ticket to Wilkes-Barre to interview for a position at King’s.

Jim worked his way up the Advancement Division, beginning as fiscal systems coordinator, processing gifts and pledges into a database. Nearly four years later, Jim was promoted to his current position as director of advancement services, where he is primarily responsible for supervising gifts, data retrieval, preparing lists of potential benefactors for campaigns, and statistical reports for members of the IA division and board of directors.

At the Patron’s Day celebration in November, Jim was among 12 King’s employees honored with the Christi Regis Award for 20-years of service to the College.

“Throughout his journey from acoustic act to pledge cards, Jim always had one constant in his life: a high school mate named MaryEllen. They remained friends while they went to separate colleges and began careers. When Jim returned to the area, they rekindled their friendship, which soon ignited into a lasting relationship. The couple married at St. Cecilia’s Church in Exeter in 2004.

Jim and MaryEllen are both avid sports fans. From the days Fran Tarkenton scrambled across the gridiron and the Purple People Eaters gobbled up running backs, Jim “showed his horns” for the Minnesota Vikings. The couple planned a trip to the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome for a showdown against MaryEllen’s Philadelphia Eagles. It was a dream trip for Jim from the moment the crowd went into frenzy when the team took the field to meeting the mascot, Viktor the Viking.

“I think MaryEllen wanted me in Minneapolis as much as I did,” Jim said. “When they started the Star Spangled Banner, I got choked-up taking it all in. I was finally there, surrounded by my purple and gold.”

Jim continues his creative pursuits, writing stories and poetry, and creating two-dimensional art collages, and he loves to play the acoustic guitar at gatherings. He also serves on the board of the League of Women Voters of the Wilkes-Barre Area where he produces a Voters’ Guide (information on candidates) that can be found in both Wilkes-Barre newspapers prior to elections.

Looking back on the choices he’s made in his life, Jim said he’s happy that he was once a teenager caught singing while scrubbing dishes. It was a moment that launched him on his career path, which eventually led him to King’s College.

“I enjoy being part of the King’s community,” Jim said. “I enjoy knowing my contribution is to help education. And that’s not a bad way to spend a day.”
Faculty Update

Dr. Fevzi Akinci, professor of health care administration, served as the keynote speaker at the Sixth Health and Hospital Management Congress held at Suleyman Demirel University in Isparta, Turkey. His presentation was titled “Global Trends in Health Care Management.”

Dr. Gregory Bassham, department chairperson and professor of philosophy, recently published two books, Critical Thinking: A Student’s Introduction and The Hobbit and Philosophy.


Dr. Bridget Costello, associate professor of sociology, and Bassham co-wrote “Sherlock Holmes and the Ethics of Hyper-Specialization,” in The Philosophy of Sherlock Holmes. He also wrote “The Industrious Sherlock Holmes.”

Rev. Anthony Grasso, C.S.C., professor of English, coordinated the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature recently held at King’s. The theme of the meeting was titled, “Christianity in the Public Square: Literatures of Politics, Protest and Social Justice.”

Dr. Jennifer McClinton-Temple, associate professor of English, and Dr. Janice Thompson, associate professor of theology, served on the Selection Committee with Father Grasso to choose papers for the conference. The Conference on Christianity & Literature (CCL) is an international organization headquartered at Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., which oversees the quarterly publication of the Christianity & Literature Journal.

Dr. David Kyle Johnson, associate professor of philosophy, was among five winners of The American Philosophical Association Committee on Public Philosophy’s Op-Ed Contest for this op-ed titled, “Watson in Philosophical Jeopardy.”

Dr. Noreen O’Connor, assistant professor of English, won the 2012 Edith Wharton Essay Contest. The essay was published in the spring 2012 issue of The Edith Wharton Review, the peer-reviewed academic journal of the Edith Wharton Society.

She also wrote a chapter, titled “From Alienation to Community: Sylvia Townsend Warner’s Utopian Modernism,” for a scholarly book Communal Modernisms: Teaching Literature and Culture in the Twenty-first-Century Classroom that will be published this winter by Palgrave Press in London.


Dr. Michelle Schmude, chair, department of mass communications, recently published an article, “The Marketing Communications (MarCom) Matrix and Higher Education: How it All Works Together,” in the Journal of Mass Communications and Journalism.

Dr. Ann Yezerski, chair and associate professor of biology, recently presented a workshop titled, “Genotyping SNP’s Associated with Malaria,” at the Association for Biology Laboratory Education at Chapel Hill in North Carolina.

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Alumni Family Day at Knoebels

In June, over 120 alumni family and friends joined together for a fun-filled day at Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg. The King's family, proudly displaying their red and gold, enjoyed a day of rides, food, and fun. At midday, the group gathered at a Knoebels Pavilion for a delicious lunch, lively program and fun raffle give-a-ways! Thank you to all of the future Monarchs who were so eager to assist us with the raffle drawings.

KWAC Baseball Game

In July, the King's Washington Area Alumni Club (KWAC) hosted their annual baseball tailgate and game. A group of 40 alumni and friends of King's braved a misty rain to enjoy the pre-game tailgate. The weather cleared up in time for the game and a packed stadium cheered the Washington Nationals to a victory over the Atlanta Braves. A treat was in store for those attendees who stayed to the end as the band The Wallflowers entered onto the field to perform their hits, including "One Headlight."

Legacy Luncheon

The Legacy Luncheon was held in August for those first-year students whose parents graduated from King's. It is very common for first-year students to have siblings, aunts and uncles, parents and grandparents who are already part of the King's Alumni Community. The luncheon is a special way of saying, "welcome first-year student and welcome home alumni."

Phonathon

The annual Fall Phonathon kicked off in Sept. with a group of 40 students who were excited to speak with alumni and ask for their support of their beloved alma mater. If you have not yet made a gift to the 2012-2013 Annual Fund, you may do so by visiting www.kingsalumni.info and clicking on Make a Gift! A huge note of congratulations and thanks goes out to our student callers who raised an estimated $80,000 in pledges in just 10 nights of calling!
Homecoming

Over 80 alumni and friends turned out at Betzler Athletic Complex to join the Alumni Office for a pre-game BBQ. The kids had a chance to play while everyone enjoyed a delicious tailgate style menu. The group cheered the Monarchs on to victory over the Misericordia Cougars, 55-17.

Prior to the Homecoming game King’s recognized members of the 2002 MAC championship football squad who returned to enjoy Homecoming Weekend. Select players were part of the day as honorary team captains and participated in the pre-game coin toss. Those serving as honorary team captains included Bobby Nawrocki ’06, Chris Rispoli ’03, Craig Humble ’04, Derek Zambino ’05, 2002 all-American defensive tackle Rubin Doster ’04, 2002 all-American defensive end Chris Keene ’02, and two-time first-team all-American Steven Wilson ’03, the 2002 National Defensive Player of the Year. Wilson was also selected to toss the coin.

Theatre Reunion

A large number of alumni and friends gathered in October to enjoy a weekend of events to honor 62 years of the Theatre Department at King’s and to recognize Bro. Jim Miller ’74, C.S.C. On Saturday evening, guests were invited to attend a dinner at the campus center followed by an excellent production of Howard Ashman’s and Alan Menken’s Little Shop of Horrors, a musical comedy about a sensitive botanist who discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Following the show, alumni attendees were invited to a special post-production reception to meet and greet the cast. As part of the evening, guests were invited to speak and share their favorite stories, anecdotes, and memories of Bro. Jim as a wonderful tribute for the many lives that he has touched and the hard work that he has accomplished here at King’s. The next day included a Mass and lovely farewell brunch for all attendees.

Special thanks goes out to Bro. Jim for planning the event and making sure that the weekend went so smoothly. A huge thank you goes out to the rest of the Theatre Department, particularly to Sheileen Corbett ’83 and Dave Reynolds ’00, who were incredibly supportive and helpful in the planning and implementation of this wonderful event! A final note of thanks must go out to the wonderful cast of Little Shop of Horrors who put on an extremely enjoyable show!
Reunion Weekend

Members of the classes from 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007 returned to campus for their Reunion Weekend. The weekend’s festivities began on Friday night with a private party at Senunas’, followed by a production of *Little Shop of Horrors* performed by the King’s Players. Following the show, alumni attended a special reception where they had the opportunity to meet and mingle with the cast.

On Saturday, alumni took a look at their yearbooks and reminisced about their college days during their class luncheons. Everyone attending the Reunion received a special gift, their class yearbook digitally scanned and saved onto a CD. After lunch, many alumni took advantage of campus tours featuring their old haunts. Later that evening, the group enjoyed a “Dancing through the Decades” reception. The two largest classes to return to campus were the classes of 1977 and 1992.

The weekend was concluded with a special Mass honoring the graduates of 1962 and their 50th graduation anniversary from King’s. Each Golden Monarch was given a pin to commemorate the occasion. After Mass, five alumni were presented with awards honoring them for the good work in their communities, their profession, and their alma mater.

Pictured with Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., President, from left to right are:
**Dr. Jason Zoeller ’04**, recipient of The Leo Award – Presented to an alumnus within 15 years of graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their professional or community activities. Named for the King’s mascot, it suggests the energy, pride, and sense of purpose which the recipient personifies.

**Mark Sciabacucchi ’05**, recipient of The Robert J. Ell Alumni Award For Outstanding Service To Alma Mater – Named for Robert J. Ell ’50, the first Director of Alumni Relations who served in that position until his retirement in 1991, this award is conferred upon an alumnus for extraordinary service, dedication, and commitment to King’s College.

**Margaret Hand-Cicalese ’83 and Joe Hand ’80**, recipients of The King’s College Alumni Award for Service to Society – Presented to a graduate who has distinguished themselves through selfless and caring personal commitment to benefit others.

**Joe Perez ’55**, recipient of The King’s College Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement – Awarded to a graduate who has distinguished themselves through exceptional professional achievement.
KWAC Career Day

In October, 51 King’s College students traveled to the nation’s capital to participate in the fourth annual Career Day. This event is sponsored by the College’s Washington, D.C., Area Alumni Club (KWAC). This two-day program informed students about career opportunities and life in the Washington, D.C., area. The students attended an opening reception which featured guest speaker Jeff Geoffroy ’70. Twenty-two Washington-area King’s alumni and friends hosted the students in their homes that evening.

The following day, the program featured numerous speakers, many of whom are King’s graduates working in the Washington, D.C., area. Topics covered in the general sessions included an overview of private industry in the area, applying for federal jobs, ethical standards of government service, and career opportunities in the FBI and Veteran Affairs. Students also had an opportunity to participate in breakout sessions detailing job opportunities in the fields of accounting, acquisitions and contracting, banking, education, financial research, information technology and services, insurance, and lobbying.

A huge thank-you goes to the KWAC Executive Committee and all those involved with making this event a terrific success!

McGowan School of Business Forum

Every year, King’s hosts the McGowan School of Business Forum. The venue rotates between three locations: New York City, Philadelphia, and Wilkes-Barre. This year, the site was the Union League of Philadelphia. Over 80 business school students dressed in their professional best traveled to Philadelphia to spend an evening meeting and being mentored by alumni who are successfully working in the field of business. The event began with an hour-long mentoring session; the students were strategically placed in small groups with a mentor. After a lively discussion, both students and alumni were invited to attend a cocktail hour, followed by a formal dinner and keynote speaker. This year’s speaker was Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C., who serves as the Vice President for Mission at King’s sister Holy Cross school, Stonehill College. Fr. Lies spoke about the importance of ethics in business.
Breakfast with Santa

Every year, King’s College hosts a very special Breakfast with Santa, at which alumni are invited to bring their little ones to meet the “man in red”. Every child received a King’s College coloring book from the Alumni Office and also a gift from Santa. Leo the Lion was also in attendance. A huge crowd of over 500 people turned out for the event. Special thanks are extended to the King’s College choir, Cantores Christi Regis, who performed a wonderful selection of Christmas carols for the enjoyment of all attending.

To see more pictures of this event, please visit the King’s College facebook page at www.facebook.com/kingscollegepa.
Family. Community. Faith. These three elements are inseparable in the life of Mary Lou Perez-Zerfoss ’81.

Mary Lou has selflessly devoted her life to campaigning for the indigent, the abused, and those suffering from mental illness. She spent countless hours leading efforts building the neighborhood she calls home.

While growing up in Wilkes-Barre, Mary Lou would tell her mother she wanted to go to the college with “Christ on top.” Her mother explained that it wasn’t possible because King’s was an all-men’s school. “Knowing I couldn’t do something made me more determined to do it,” Mary Lou said. “Luckily, King’s was co-ed by the time I applied!”

Mary Lou became the first person in her family to get a college education. “King’s had a really nice family atmosphere,” Mary Lou said. “I never felt alone. I always felt part of the King’s community.”

Mary Lou double majored in psychology and criminal justice. She valued her education, crediting professors Dr. Bill Lutes of criminal justice and Dr. Dennis Gold of psychology for playing influential roles in her academic development. She especially felt psychology professor Dr. Charlie Brooks made an impact on her career and liked his personal touch with students.

“Charlie really cared about the students,” Mary Lou said. “He wanted you to learn and be involved. He made you feel that family connection to King’s. He wasn’t just about classwork, but life lessons.”

Some of Mary Lou’s fondest memories were as a member of the cheerleading team. She looked forward to rivalry basketball games against the University of Scranton.

She landed an internship during her senior year at Step By Step in Wilkes-Barre working with children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental illness. She was hired full-time after she graduated cum laude.

As Mary Lou walked off stage with her diploma, she was met by her teary-eyed father, Charles, who smothered her in a hug and said, “Thank you for making the proudest man in the world today.”

Mary Lou has organized a variety of community initiatives, ranging from United Way campaigns and food drives benefiting the homeless to championing events for neighborhood children and senior citizens. She has also served on the board of directors for numerous non-profit agencies, such as the Child Development Council and Domestic Violence Service Center.

Mary Lou is a passionate supporter of her alma mater, regularly volunteering for the College’s networking and fundraising events, including calling alums during the annual Phonathon and organizing community campaigns and alumni events.

No matter the worthy cause or fundraiser, Mary Lou is invested in the lives of the people she helps each day, providing most with a new purpose. She recalls the story of one woman, recently widowed, who volunteered the Foster Grandparents Program. The woman didn’t drive, so Mary Lou would take her to her placement site each day.

“She was thrilled at the opportunity to serve children through the Foster Grandparents Program,” Mary Lou said. “Whenever she would introduce me to anyone, she would always say, ‘This is Mary Lou, the director of our program. She saved my life.’”

For her commitment and dedication to the local community, Mary Lou received King’s Alumni Award for Service to Society in 2010.

“T’m extremely proud of that honor,” she said. “Getting that award was up there with my life’s best moments.”

Mary Lou’s husband, Frank, recently completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by remarrying in the Catholic Church. Their daughter, Jocelyn, is a junior majoring in business management at King’s.

In her spare time, Mary Lou’s needlework talents have won hundreds of ribbons at county and state fairs. She looks forward to family vacations to Myrtle Beach or Disneyland. She cannot envision a time in her life she won’t volunteer in her community, but she hopes to do one thing for herself: return to Spain to trace her family’s lineage.
The daily life of an American Soldier is anything but ordinary, but Major Kenneth ‘Trip’ Johnson III, M.D. ’00 has embraced his military lifestyle, which for him includes skydiving out of airplanes at extreme altitudes and establishing immunization programs in third world countries. But no matter the depths he has travelled for his country, Trip has always found stability in his family.

Growing up in Williamsport, Trip’s interest in medicine began as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, providing first aid at the Little League World Series. He also worked with ambulance paramedics and at the local hospital, where a physician assistant encouraged him to pursue a medical career.

“King’s was on the short list of good schools, so that’s where I headed,” Trip said.

Freshman orientation featured a cascade of events. During the ice cream social, Trip introduced himself to a group of students, who, ironically, were all fellow EMTs. Among the group was Shannon von Hagn ’00. Shannon and Trip shared their EMT experiences, and it wasn’t long before they began dating.

Trip’s original plan to major clashed with his goal of attending medical school, so he focused on physics and chemistry. He immediately wanted to land a research assignment, but he couldn’t find a professor to work with a freshman.

One snowy winter day, Trip left his dorm room in Holy Cross Hall and noticed a broken-down station wagon on Franklin Street. A pregnant woman was struggling to change a flat tire and Trip rushed over to give her a hand. He introduced himself, the woman thanked him and she drove away.

A few days later, Trip was stopped by Dr. Rob LaDuca, who thanked him for helping his wife and invited Trip to join his research team. Trip’s experiments that summer with organic and inorganic synthetic compounds were published in Inorganic Journal; the original 3D wire diagram is framed in his home office.

An avid volunteer, Trip was among a group of students who worked on a construction project during King’s annual spring service trip in Monterrey, Mexico. He also served the homeless by checking vital signs at the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen. “If King’s had a mantra, it would be ‘selfless service to the community,’” Trip said. “King’s College presents opportunities to see service in action.”

Trip graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in general science and triple minor in chemistry, biology, and neuroscience. “I wouldn’t have done as well at a larger university where I was just a number,” Trip said. “I knew my professors and developed relationships with them. They cared about me as a person and wanted me to succeed.”

Trip always knew a career in military was in his future. His grandfather, Ken Sr. fought in World War II, and his father, Ken Jr. was a Soldier in Vietnam. He was awarded a scholarship to medical school and was later commissioned into the United States Army. The problem? He hadn’t received an acceptance letter, yet.

Trip researched medical missions in Spanish-speaking countries. He worked for three months that summer with a couple that organized a travelling clinic, visiting communities near Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

“Medicine makes social barriers collapse,” Trip said. “You find yourself in intimate relationships with patients and you have a responsibility to provide care.”

Armed with an impressive resume, Trip was admitted to the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York. His experience using an x-ray diffractometer during his research with Dr. LaDuca at Syracuse University aided in his admission.

Trip was commissioned into the United States Army and lived with three fellow King’s alumni who were studying chemistry in the doctorate program at Syracuse University. Shannon, a graduate of King’s Physician Assistant Program, was hired at the nearby Family Practice Associates of Dryden. Trip proposed in the fall of 2001 and the couple married the following March.

The next chapter in Trip’s life involved “wilderness medicine.” As part of his residency, Trip provided vital emergency care and helped establish clean water and immunization programs along the Ivory Coast in Africa.

“Service trips were my primary medical experience,” he said. “It gave me the experience – the street credentials - to work in military environments.”

Trip finished his residency in Emergency Medicine in July 2007, completed the Officer Basic Course in San Antonio, and
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received his first assignment as the Brigade Surgeon 2nd Brigade 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley in Kansas.

The opportunity gave Shannon her first taste of being an “Army wife.” She sold the couple’s home in New York, packed up belongings, and travelled with their first son, Cole, to the Sunflower State.

The following October, Trip was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was part of a task force to provide care to more than 7,000 Soldiers and five clinics in Baghdad. He was deployed and worked on the same brigade staff as Dennis Bowers ’95, an Army logistics officer. While Trip served his country, Shannon raised Cole and served the military community as the Family Readiness Group leader and president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

“Shannon is an Army wife that has it together,” Trip said. “She is very involved in the military community and works in the women’s ministry. Her grace in this ridiculous lifestyle is unmatched by my colleagues.”

After returning from Iraq in October 2009, Trip was promoted to Major and served as the Battalion Surgeon 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This special assignment allowed Trip to attend Airborne and Dive schools. He also trained at HALO (High Altitude Low Opening) school, where Soldiers jump out of planes at high altitudes and parachute long distances into foreign countries. Elite special forces, including the Navy SEALS, Army Rangers and Green Berets, use this insertion technique.

Due to federal government realignment of military bases, Trip was reassigned to Eglin Air Force Base, a state-of-the-art compound in Florida. He considers his work as sports medicine because he provides care for 450 world-class “athletes” who work under demanding physical conditions.

Six months later, Trip was deployed for his second tour of duty, serving eight months coordinating and supporting all medical elements for the Special Forces Soldiers stationed in southern Afghanistan. He returned home in August.

In his spare time, he enjoys working on motorcycles. He and a friend recently built his dream bike – a 1979 Harley Davidson Shovelhead. He skydives on the weekends, and hopes to earn his free-fall instructor license.

The lifestyle of a member of the Armed Forces is certainly not predictable; even Trip doesn’t know what the future holds. But one thing in Trip’s life is certain: he has the love and support from Shannon to sustain a military marriage, and two healthy sons. Regardless of where his military service will lead him, Trip is comforted by his family’s unwavering support.

“I’m certainly a blessed man. Without Christ, none of this would have been possible, and I’m confident that He has awesome plans for the future,” Trip said.
Leaders in Consulting” award for Consulting Services practice, Patricia Etzold announced that PricewaterhouseCoopers 80’s Center’s Executive Director. Recently, the Board of Directors named Joe Peters ’79 as the Center’s Executive Director.

70’s

A group of dedicated alumni built a garden, complete with a tree, marble bench, and flowers of red and yellow in the traditional colors of King’s to honor their classmate Harvey Crossan ’76 who passed away in November 2011. This group of friends, all from the classes of 1975 and 1976 have been getting together annually for nearly 40 years.

80’s

PricewaterhouseCoopers announced that Patricia Etzold ’81, a partner in the firm’s U.S. Forensic Services practice, has received Consulting magazine’s “Women Leaders in Consulting” award for her outstanding achievements in client service. Each year, Consulting magazine bestows this honor on ten industry standouts and rising stars who have made a mark within the consulting profession. Patricia was publicly recognized for her award in the Client Service category at the sixth annual Women Leaders in Consulting Gala Awards Dinner on November 8th at The St. Regis hotel in New York.

Maureen Murphy McBride ’82 has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Committee on the Rules of Evidence as well as a Hearing Committee member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Maureen has also been appointed to the Board of the Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children in West Chester and has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer every year since 2006. Maureen currently works as a partner and member of the firm’s Executive Committee at Lush McNerney. Her concentration is in the firm’s litigation and appellate practice groups.

In September, two members of the King’s College Community were honored in New York City for their dedication to workers of every industry and location, ethnicity and religion in the U.S. Eric Boyce ’84, was honored as a member of Plumbers Local 24 and Secretary Treasurer of the Hudson Building and Construction Trades Council. Long-time faculty member Fr. Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C., was honored as teacher, writer, administrator, and speaker on behalf of workers in New York, Washington, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

A group of King’s Alumni met in Dublin, Ireland, to enjoy the Notre Dame vs. Navy game on Sept. 1. Pictured here are: Leo V. Sokoloski ’84, Patty Sines ’84, Katie McCormick ’08, & Jack Donlin ’73.

First National Community Bank appointed James Bone Jr. ’85, CPA, as its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Raul Fonts ’85 has been appointed Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Providence College.

Paul D. Rauth ’85 has earned a Masters in Public Administration from George Mason University.

Stephen Ostrowski ‘88 (Computer Science), has been named “Lion Of The Year” by the Central Berks Lions Club in Centerport. Steve is the immediate past president of the club, chairs the fundraising Sandwich Sale committee and serves on the White Cane Road clean-up, Santa visit and greeting committees. He is employed by The Reading Hospital as a systems analyst and lives in Mohrsville with his wife and son.

90’s


Jeffrey L. Zavrotny ’92 has received notification that he has passed the Maryland Bar Examination. Jeffrey graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law on May 5 with Cum Laude Honors. He received his MBA in May 2008 from the University of Baltimore. Jeffrey is currently employed by the University of Baltimore School of Law as the Director for Law Admissions. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore. He currently resides in Abingdon, Maryland, with his wife, Kimberly and children John (17) and Zoe (15).

Three college friends, two of which had not seen each other since graduation from King’s, joined forces in an effort called, “Boxes from Boonton”. When Adrian Egoa ’92 and Jen Davis ’93 drove to drop off supplies in Monmouth County, they found their old friend and classmate Kate Toppi ’93, who was also volunteering her time. The three friends are very happy to have reconnected and feel fortunate something good came out of the terrible storm that slammed the northeast part of the country.

Former Wilkes-Barre Administrator J.J. Murphy ’93 has accepted the new position of City Manager of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Tammy Pacyna ’93, M.A., MSW, LICSW, was recently named Director of Social Services at Seacoast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gloucester, Mass. Seacoast is part of Lahey Clinic Health Systems on Boston’s North Shore. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Theology from Boston College in 2002 and a Master of Social Work Degree from Salem State College in 2007. Her specialties include geriatric psychology and clinical social work, behavioral interventions for dementia patients, and psychopharmacology. She lives in Peabody, Mass.

Joanne Dobson, along with co-author Beverle Graver Myers, has published a book in series of mystery novels entitled, Face of the Enemy, which is published by Poisoned Pen Press.

Jim Smith ’95, Chief Executive Officer of Bear Creek Community Charter School, was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Educator Effectiveness Stakeholder Group. The group will advise Pennsylvania Secretary
of Education Ronald Tomalis and the department’s on the new educator evaluation tools and elements required by Act 82 of 2012.

Dr. Marguerite Martino McCarty ’97 pictured with her father, Dr. Tom Martino, who retired from the King’s College Counseling Center in 1998, earned her doctorate in Counseling and Counselor Education from the University of Rochester and currently has a private psychotherapy practice in Rochester, N.Y.

Brandon Poterjoy ’98 has joined Albert Einstein Medical Center and is part of the new group of neonatologists at the Einstein-Montgomery Medical Center in East Norriton. Additionally, Brandon will serve as an assistant professor of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University.

Todd Sullivan ’98, recently earned his Masters of Arts in Management of Aging Services from the Erickson School of Aging at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Todd is the Director of Philanthropy for Erickson Living and lives in Churchville, MD with his wife Wendy Whitenight Sullivan ’99, who is a Physician Assistant for Chesapeake Urology. Wendy and Todd have three boys: Connor (7), Aiden (4), Brady (3).

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Adrian Mihalko ’03 has been named as Controller for the University of Scranton. Most recently Adrian served as the associate controller at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y.

Scenic Artists Ashley Washinski ’09 and Ariel Klein create a storybook land for the play “Platero y Yo” performed in Washington, D.C. The backdrop included a large painted fruit tree and a huge white trellis and picket fence covered in ivy.

Photo taken from www.dcmetrotheaterarts.com

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Thank you again for your continued support of King’s College. We look forward to hearing from your child.
Carolyn Drose '05 wed Paul Richelmi on August 25.

Jacqueline Rooney '87 wed John Udicious at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, in Freehold, New Jersey on March 17.

Pictured here from left to right are: Alecia Mulligan Todd '86, John Fixyl, Noreen Mangan '86, James Feeney '88, Jacqueline Rooney Udicious '87, Kevin Rooney '89, John Udicious, Thomas Schreiner '86, Elizabeth Hickman Klenn '87, and Kelley Snyder Ferrante '87. Jacqueline is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and John is a Software Engineer. The couple currently resides in Blue Bell.

Jared Menghini '10 wed Alyssa Kramer '10, '11 on January 21. The marriage was performed by Fr. Richard Hockman, C.S.C. in the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College.

Pictured here from left to right are: Melissa Ann Tanner '10, Dominic Yale, Lindsey Moore, Justin Zlotek '10, Alyssa Kramer '10, '11, Jared Menghini '10, Matt Kramer, Megan Thomas, Kylee Moore, Tim Thomas, Angelo Cortese, Seija Smith

Merima Kalic '08 wed Ramiz Krluc on November 3.

Dzenita Cifric, Shelly Welz '08, Ramiz Krluc, Merima Kalic '08, Melanie Skotch '08, Larisa Cifric.

Melanie Makuta '06 wed Brian Cassidy on October 29, 2011. The couple currently reside in Carlisle.

Megan West '07 wed Jonathan Hudock on September 10, 2011, at St. Andrews Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Laura Marino '05 wed Sean Jeffrey on September 16, 2011, at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit.
Alumni Births

Congratulations to Dr. Robin Field and Andy Petonak '86 on the birth of their second child, Benjamin William.

Congratulations to Jeffrey and Alison Traugott Januzelli '97 on the birth of their son, Ryan Jeffrey, on April 5.

Congratulations to Mark and Jenna Konosky Peterson '97 on the birth of their son, Cory Francis, on March 6. The Peterson family resides in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Congratulations to Charles and Kelly Anne Matulewicz Hudack '98 on the birth of their daughter, Poppy Cecilia, on August 23.

Congratulations to Isabel and Long H. Duong '99 on the birth of their daughter, Belen Thanh, on September 16, 2011.

Congratulations to Joe and Melissa Stavinski Ciocco '02 on the birth of their daughter, Addison Marie, on September 20. Addison Marie joins big brothers Nathan and Ryan.

Congratulations to Randy and Amy Zawadzki Brzoska '03 on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Ann, on June 8. Abigail Ann joins big brother Noah.

Congratulations to Ron Studd and Susan Jones '03 on the birth of their daughter, Evangeline, on June 23.

Congratulations to Megan '03 and James Mattern '03 on the birth of their son, Cohen Blase, on April 19.

Congratulations to Jamie and Morgan Sandrin Miller '03 on the birth of their son, Jamison Lee, on August 11. Jamison Lee joins big sister Sidney, age 2.

Congratulations to Ann and Brian Cook '04 on the birth of their daughter, Gianna Marie, on Oct. 22. Gianna joins big brother Matthew Chase, age 2.

Congratulations to Mandy and Pete Erndl '04 on the birth of their son, Logan Alexander, on June 29. Logan Alexander joins big brother Peter, age 4.

Congratulations to Tony and Katie Hanrahan Gromalski '05 on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Lynn, on July 13.

In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who recently passed away:

- Michael T. Lenahan '50
- George Michael '50
- Thomas Rusnock '50
- Robert T. Patton '53
- Robert D. Campenni '54
- Herman Lutz '55
- William H. Burke '58
- James Younker '60
- Joseph Geffert '61
- Joseph Geffert '62
- Barry Gibisser '67
- John Joseph (Poppy) Yaskowek Jr. '68
- Frank W. Schevets '69
- Robert V. Semwnza '69
- Andrew R. Stasevich '69
- Charles Dooley III '70
- Michael Ostrowski '73
- Harvey J. Crossan '76
- Bernard Simonovich '76
- Doug Krissinger '80
- Michael Warnitsky '81
- Richard Sabulski '83
- Rev. Nicholas Dininni '86
- Amy Jo Kane '03
- Rebecca McCalluck
- Kelci Gibbons

Former Faculty and Staff

Dr. Donald Buzinkai
Marlene Reed
Nancy Hancock Smith
When Dr. Stanley Benjamin received his acceptance to King’s, his parents offered their heartfelt congratulations but made it clear that they were not in a position to offer financial assistance. “I received a small scholarship from a local fraternal organization, but I needed to work to make up the difference for tuition, books, and other expenses,” said Hanover Township native Benjamin recently from his Maryland home.

A noted gastroenterologist who counts among his patients the late U.S. President Ronald Reagan, he worked up to four jobs to pay for his King’s education. “The good news is that King’s tuition at that time was $350 a semester. I realize now that a lot of talented people in the area surrounding King’s have a hard time attending college for financial reasons.” About ten years ago, he and his wife Erna (James), a Kingston native, endowed the Stanley B. Benjamin Family Scholarship. Proceeds of the endowment are awarded annually to a deserving student in Northeast Pennsylvania who demonstrates financial need.

“We can empathize with and hope to help those talented young people who have aspirations, know they can succeed in college, but are totally consumed with the question of possessing the financial means to make that experience a reality,” said the Benjamins.

Donors who wish to both help students and establish a lasting memorial may create an **endowed scholarship**. The endowment creates a permanent funding source that is anticipated to grow over time, both through additional contributions and investment performance. A percentage of the scholarship, currently 4%, is released annually for distribution to deserving students. For more information on endowed scholarships, please contact Frederick A. Pettit, Esquire ’96, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, via email at frederickpettit@kings.edu or telephone at (570) 208-5882.
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• 3 nights at a first class hotel in Paris, 1/2 day tour upon arrival in Paris to include Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Madeleine, Notre Dame Cathedral and Eiffel Tower, 1/2 day tour to the Louvre Museum, farewell dinner at hotel.

• Breakfast daily, all transfers per itinerary, hotel taxes, service charges, state and local taxes, tips to baggage porters at hotels.

Optional tours will be available in: England - Stonehenge and Stratford-upon-Avon. France - Palace of Versailles.